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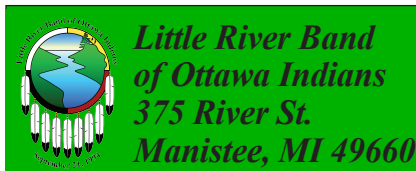
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Electrofishing With LRBOI Inland Fisheries

It is dark, raining and so cold that the wind is whipping snow and ice on the lake. Members of the LRBOI Inland Lake team include: lead biologists Justin Chiotti and Marty Holtgren, and technicians Darrin Griffith and John Bauman. On the two other boats are tribal biologists and technicians from Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Also with us is Council Member Israel Stone. The mood is great considering the weather, but as is quickly pointed out, this job will toughen you up. As we leave the shore, boat 'captain' Justin Chiotti ensured that we are all sporting the rubber overalls, rubber gloves and life jackets that are mandatory on these expeditions. Trained EMT, Darrin Griffith, casually points out that once the generator is running, we all have to be aware of the possible risks associated with electrofishing. We're not fooling around. Because the lakes that are sampled are fairly large (see descriptions below), the three tribes have taken to conducting the electrofishing assessments together to generate more data and give more accurate assessments.



John Bauman (left) and Darrin Griffith (right)

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The Wildlife Society



Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship Through Science and Education

Tribal Symposium: Indigenous Peoples Wildlife and Ecosystem Management

Anchorage, AK September 23-27, 2006 - A symposium emphasizing Native/First Nations involvement in natural resource management throughout North America took place in Anchorage Alaska this past September. Put together by LRBOI biologist, Nathan J. Svoboda, this event highlighted the depth and diversity of native resource management programs and provided insight into traditional knowledge and beliefs. Topics included the history of native natural resource management, traditional ecological knowledge and its role in management, resource management and subsistence living, native species research and restoration, exotic species control, conservation issues as well as tribal resource management and co-management among agencies.

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Tribal Elder Georgianna Adamczak (left) releasing a young hawk with the guidance of Wings of Wonder's Rebecca Lessard (right). Photo by Emily Drouin

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Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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To ensure that your children receive a gift, you need to register before 5pm on November 20th, 2006.

To register your children, please call:
Mary Thomas - 231-398-6824
or
Jackie LaHaye - 231-398-6878

CORRECTION

In the November announcement about the Tribal Emergency Planning Committee work on behalf of the tribe for the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, the tribal government's Planning Supervisor, **Dan Shepard's** name was inadvertently omitted. Dan has served on the TEPC from its inception.

From the Election Board:

Sandy, Peggy, Terri, Berni, and Alesia

The Election Board OFFICE HOURS
for the period of 11/6/06 thru 12/6/06:

Mondays:	1 PM - 5 PM
Tuesdays:	1 PM - 5 PM
Wednesdays:	1 PM - 5 PM
Thursdays:	8 AM - 12 PM
Fridays:	11 AM - 3 PM



Thank You,
The Election Board

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS RELEASED FROM SANCTIONS Imposed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

On October 25th, 2005 the Bureau of Indian Affairs imposed Level I sanctions on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for failure to comply with OMB Circular A – 133 – Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations and Section 450c(f) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. These sanctions were imposed on the Tribe for failing to timely submit audit reports to the Federal Government.

As a result of receiving these sanctions several actions have been taken during the last year to submit the required audits. These actions have included the following:

- Hired a consultant during November 2005 that could prepare for the necessary audits;
- Prepared financial records for the 2003 audit during January 2006;
- Issued the 2003 audit during April 2006;
- Prepared financial records for the year 2004 audit during April and May 2006;
- Issued the 2004 audit during June 2006.

During the July 12th, 2006 Tribal Council meeting, a letter of submittal was approved to be sent to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, requesting that the Level I sanctions imposed be removed based on the fact that the Tribe had submitted all past audit reports. On October 4th, 2006 the Tribe received a response from the Bureau of Indian Affairs stating that the Level I sanctions had been lifted.

There were several employees and elected officials involved during the last year that made the removal of sanctions possible, however, the work and dedication of the Accounting Department staff was what made it possible for the audits to be conducted and the sanctions to be removed.

Having two audits and the Tribe's annual audit conducted within a nine-month time frame has required additional hours on the part of the Accounting Department and each employee deserves a big Thank You for their hard work and dedication.

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Freedom of the Press

"It has been brought to my attention that some Tribal Citizens are being told that the Currents staff has refused to run submitted articles from other departments and branches of your government. Or that we change them inappropriately.

This is a distressing charge because it is categorically wrong. Since this department (and newspaper) was started in 2004, we have never refused to run a submitted article. Indeed, we repeatedly request that articles be submitted and even offer to help write them if need be. We live by the regulations and resolutions established by your government and those mandated by our professional approach to the job.

I and my department cannot print your articles or letters, if you don't give them to us.

The Currents is your tribal paper and we welcome submissions from all departments and branches of your government as well as the tribal membership. Furthermore, we will continue to do so and will offer any assistance to you, the membership and your leaders to communicate through your newspaper."

Glenn C. Zaring
Director
Public Information Department

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS

Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the LRBOI Tribal Government Office please contact:

Sharron M. Detz
Human Resource Director
231-398-6706



Casino Board of Directors Posting

The Tribal Ogema is seeking letters of interest from Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board of Directors with the Little River Casino Resort. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to the Tribal Ogema's office.

Health Commission Posting

The Tribal Ogema's office is seeking Tribal Members interested in serving on the LRBOI Health Board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.

Miigwetch,
Patrick D. Wilson, Tribal Ogema

Binojeeuk Commission Vacancy

The Binojeeuk Commission has a vacancy and would like to get it filled. Let me explain a little bit of what the Binojeeuk Commission does here at the tribe.

The Tribal Council has expressly delegated the Binojeeuk Commission with the following duties, by adoption of the Children's Code and By-laws of the Binojeeuk Commission:

- Advise the Tribal Council and the Tribal Court on child welfare matters and recommend policies and procedures for implementing Federal and Tribal Child welfare law.
- Monitor child welfare proceedings involving Tribal members in the state or Tribal Courts.
- Be advised of pending state court proceedings as provided in the

Indian Child Welfare Act and make recommendations regarding intervention in such proceedings and transfer of jurisdiction from state court to the Tribal Court.

d. Conduct informal conferences with a child and the child's parent(s), guardian or custodian as provided in the Children's Code to discuss alternatives to formal Court jurisdiction for resolving concerns about the proper care and supervision of a child.

e. Make recommendations to authorize the filing of child in need of care petitions in the Tribal Court pursuant to the Children's Code.

f. Make recommendations to the Tribal family services workers, placement agency workers and the Tribal Prosecutor regarding the care, custody and supervision of Tribal children under court jurisdiction, including

recommendations as to case plan, guardianship and termination of parental rights.

g. License and monitor group, shelter, foster and adoptive homes and child placing agencies.

h. Engage in further activities as to protect and improve the welfare of the children of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

i. Certify persons to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates.

If interested please send your letter of interest to Mary Thomas.

Thank you,

Kimberly Alexander
Binojeeuk Commission Chairperson/
Liaison

TRIBE HOSTS POLITICAL CANDIDATES' FORUM

The Tribal Government in coordination with the League of Women Voters played host to a Candidate's Forum at the Three Fires Conference Center on October 16th. The event was staged to provide members and residents from



Local students from Manistee high school: Tribal youths, Bradford Medacco and Mark Saugie as well as fellow student, Jordan Jacob



Ogema Patrick D. Wilson Welcoming the public and candidates in attendance

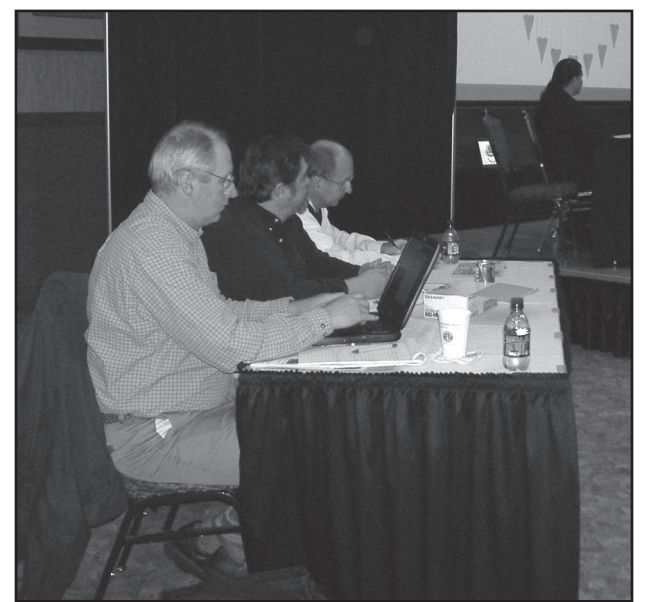
the Manistee area the opportunity to see and hear the candidates who are running for Federal, State and local offices in the November general election.

Ogema Patrick D. Wilson welcomed the public and candidates. He was quoted in the News Advocate as saying that, "...the two groups had combined on the forum to help educate the voters about the candidates in the upcoming election." He added, "Information helps you make good choices for the community, and it's our honor to hold an open forum as (this) information is valuable in making decisions."

Local students from Manistee (including two tribal youths, Bradford Medacco and Mark Saugie) videotaped

the event for Cable Channel 2, Public Access television in Manistee. Manistee student Jordan Jacob filled out the team, which was led by John Men-carelli, a teacher from Manistee High School. The tape was aired up through the election.

*Article and photos by:
Glenn Zaring, PI Director*



ATTENTION: FISHERS & FISH PROCESSORS HACCP Basic Course to be offered Dec. 19-21

SAULT STE. MARIE — A seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification training, to be conducted by Michigan Sea Grant Agent Ron Kinnunen, has been scheduled for December 19, 20, and 21, at Mikanuk Hall, Bay Mills Community College, Bay Mills Indian Community.

The cost is \$90 per person, and includes all HACCP manuals and educational materials. The course is open to any and all fishers and fish processors who would like to attend. The course will be taught by Ron Kinnunen, Mike Erdman, Jim Thannum and Jennifer Dale-Burton.

CORA-member tribe fishers should check with their Natural Resource departments for additional resources.

"HACCP" stands for "Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point." The Seafood HACCP regulation became mandatory in 1997. The HACCP training course helps fishermen and processors learn to develop and adopt a HACCP plan to fit their specific needs; reassess or modify the plan as a result of verification activities and any corrective actions that occur; and review the HACCP records for adequacy.

To ask questions or to sign up, contact Ron Kinnunen at 906-226-3687 or kinnunel@msu.edu. This course cannot be held unless the class is full, so call now.



LRBOI Toll Free Job Hotline
1-866-556-5660

For more information, contact :
Alyce Giltz in Human Resources
@ 1-888-723-8288

FEDS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FEDS



In 1836, our Chiefs were taken to Washington DC to sign a Treaty that would preserve our inherent right to hunt, fish and gather, along with the other usual privileges of occupancy. As Anishinaabe people then, and now, it is difficult to understand how anyone can claim sole ownership over the things that Creator placed here for us to use in the expression of our cultural identity. Yet over the past 170 years, these rights have continuously come under attack by state and federal agencies who maintain that they are the sole owners of the lands, water, air and all the things that live on and within them. On November 2nd, 2006, a ceremony took place that marked a new era within the 1836 Ceded Territory. Principals from the US Forest Service and four signatory Tribes met and smoked from the Sacred Pipe to seal an agreement that was

formulated to protect Tribal people who gather medicines and traditional handicraft items from the Huron-Manistee and Hiawatha Forests. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed, stems back through several years of negotiating between the Tribes and the Forest Service. "It was a process that really took the right mixture of personalities capable of putting differences aside and focusing on developing something that would safeguard the rights of our People into perpetuity" said Jimmie Mitchell, Chairman of the Tribe's Natural Resource Commission. Signatory Tribes involved in the MOU include the Little River Band of Otta-

wa Indians, Sault Tribe, Grand Traverse Band and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. The Tribes are currently working on formulating the permitting process that will aid in monitoring the viability of the resources that are collected. The MOU preserves Tribal rights to access Federal forestlands to gather medicinal plants, handicraft items, and conifer boughs. The MOU also serves to waive fees in a number of Federal Forest campgrounds within the Ceded Territory. An upcoming article in the Resources insert of this paper will provide more detailed information regarding the Tribal – Forest Service MOU.



Family Services Department

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KENT COUNTY		NEWAYGO COUNTY	
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LAKE, MASON, AND OCEANA COUNTIES		OTTAWA COUNTY	
Region Four Community Services	Crisis (800) 950-5808	Center for Women in Transition	Crisis (616) 392-1970 Or (800) 848-5991
MANISTEE COUNTY		WEXFORD COUNTY	
CHOICES	Crisis (231) 723-0082	OASIS/Family Resource Center	Crisis (231) 775-7233
MUSKEGON COUNTY		LRBOI Domestic Violence	
Every Women's Place	Main (231) 759-7909 24 hr Crisis (231) 722-3333	Prevention Program	Toll free (888) 723-8288 Direct (231) 398-6726

LRBOI Family Services: Departmental Information: LRBOI Manistee Office

Location:	1762 US 31 South Manistee Mi 49660	Location:	1465 Apple Ave, Muskegon Mi 49442
Phone:	1-888-723-8288 or (231) 398-6726	Phone:	231-777-1390
Hours:	Monday thru Friday 8 to 5 LRBOI Muskegon Office	Hours:	Tuesday thru Thursday- 9 to 4:30*

* Please call for an appointment as workers may not be available for walk-ins.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling
(231) 777-1390 or 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6726

Commission, Committee and Board Stipend Payments Collected for Fiscal Year 2006 In Accordance with Resolution #03-0813-248

1. Commissions are created to regulate and manage within a subject matter or activity.
 - a. Membership. A commission has commissioners who shall be appointed by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council.
 - b. Authority. A commission shall be granted sufficient legislative authority to allow the commission to create regulations to govern in the subject matter jurisdiction.

Commissions are created by adoption of an Ordinance which sets forth the legislative requirements, direction, limitations, restrictions or other directions regarding a subject matter. Upon adoption of an Ordinance, the commissioners shall be identified and directed to develop and present by-laws.

The Tribal Council shall establish Tribal Committees, as needed, in areas of governance and development. The Committees shall be composed of Tribal members and other interested persons who shall meet and discuss specific issues in order to provide information to the Tribal Council so that the Council can make better informed decisions that affect the Tribal community. In furtherance of this purpose, this Policy will provide rules for the organization, functions, responsibilities, and requirements of Tribal Committees.

2. Commission/Committee Schedules:

Commissions:

Binojeeuk Commission

11:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Thursdays
Gaming Commission Conference Room

Boxing Commission

11:00 a.m., Tuesdays
Law Library
Downtown Office Building

Enrollment Commission

5:30 p.m., Mondays
Community Center

Gaming Commission

5:30 p.m., Tuesdays
Gaming Commission Conference Room

Housing Commission

11:00 a.m., Thursdays
Housing Office

Natural Resource Commission

5:30 p.m., Wednesdays
Natural Resource Department

Committees:

Cultural Preservation

3:30 p.m., Tuesdays
Dome Room
Downtown Office Building

Elders

12:00 noon, 1st Saturday of each month
Community Center

Small Business Task Force

4:00 p.m., 2nd and 4th Thursdays
Justice Center – Trailer

** Special or Emergency Meetings do not appear but may be scheduled.*

3. Commissioners and Small Business Task Force receive \$125.00/meeting per Resolution # 06-0621-425 and committee members receive \$75.00/meeting per Resolution # 06-0621-426.

Commission/Committee Stipends Paid

April 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006

Cultural Preservation Committee

Tribal Council Liaisons – Israel Stone
*Liaison attended 3 out of 18 meetings
Stella Gibson \$ 100
Steve Lewis \$ 675
Jerry Ramsey \$1,125
Mary Thomas \$1,075
Tammy Bowen \$ 725

Elders Committee

Tribal Council Liaison – Elaine Porter
*Liaison attended 4 out of 7 meetings
Judith Nedeau \$ 450
Joe Kelsey \$ 450
Don Stone \$ 250
Leatrice Castonia \$ 450
Peggy Boxer \$ 100
Sharon Reed \$ 75
Carol Gibner \$ 75

Gaming Commission

Tribal Council Liaison – Janine M. Sam
*Liaison attended 0 out of 34 meetings
Bonnie Kenny \$3,500
Lee Iverson \$3,475
Joan Spalding \$3,825
Joe Kelsey \$1,775

Enrollment Commission

Tribal Council Liaison – Norbert Kelsey
*Liaison attended 5 out of 18 meetings
Katie Glocheski \$2,025
Diana O'Neal \$1,925
Margery Lutz \$1,925
Roger Sprague \$1,175
Don Stone \$1,375
Jacqueline Rose \$2,025
Joe Kelsey \$2,025

Binojeeuk Commission

Tribal Council Liaison – Kimberly Alexander
*Liaison attended 8 out of 17 meetings
Joan Spalding \$1,900
Robert Stone \$1,150
Cindy Champagne \$1,775

Housing Commission

Tribal Council Liaison – Steve Parsons
*Liaison attended 15 out of 29 meetings
John Ross \$3,000
Alfred Medacco \$3,225
Carol Bennett \$2,275
Delano Peters \$1,875
Julia Chapman \$ 3,225

Natural Resource Commission

Tribal Council Liaison – Don Koon
*Liaison attended 1 out of 25 meetings
Alyce Giltz \$2,625
John Koon \$1,875
Jimmie Mitchell \$2,425
Virgil Johnson \$2,675
Mike Ceplina \$2,650

Boxing Commission

Tribal Council Liaison – Israel Stone
*Liaison attended 28 out of 40 meetings
Pat Ruiter \$2,325
Shane Crampton \$4,450
Jim LaPorte \$ 600
Frank Medacco \$2,875
Errol Palmer \$2,500

Small Business Task Force

Tribal Council Liaison – Shannon Crampton
*Liaison attended 2 out of 12 meetings
Virgil Johnson \$1,000
Jay Sam \$1,300

Current vacancies available

on Commissions and Committees:

Binojeeuk Commission – 1 vacant seat
Boxing Commission – 2 vacant seats
Enrollment Commission – 1 vacant seat
Gaming Commission – 1 vacant seat
Housing Commission – 1 vacant seat
Small Business Task Force – 1 vacant seat

Anyone interested in serving on one of the above commissions, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema with a copy to the Tribal Council.

Cultural Preservation Committee – 1 vacant seat

Anyone interested in serving on a committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Council.



Council and County: Positive Talks Continue

On October 23, 2006, Little River Band of Ottawa Indian Tribal Council members met with the Manistee County Commissioners at the Casman Academy for a continuation of their discussions on identifying issues and opportunities for regional cooperation. The forward thinking session, facilitated by the Manistee County Foundation and EDO officers, were designed to determine participants' views on what is working in the County and what isn't working.



Some of the issues identified as working well in Manistee County included a renewed interest in land preservation; Collaboration between West Shore Hospital and West Shore Community College for improved educational opportunities; New Airport improvements and an increase

in tourism in the area. Janice McCraner (County Commissioner) said that she was glad to see that some people were, "...taking joy in the diversity" of people in the County. Speaker Steve Parsons said he was glad to see a, "Strong sense of Community." Commissioner Ed Haik was pleased to see a, "...willingness for people outside the government to get involved." Council members Alexander and Sam voiced support for Manistee Area Public Schools and support for continued educational improvement.



During another portion of the meeting, the focus was redirected to areas that aren't working and need attention. McCraner said that there is still an, "Us ver-

sus Them (government) mentality" that gets in the way. Several of the attendees talked about how we need to find ways to keep our young people here. Councilman Koon said that, "We need to take more local ownership of the waterways" in Manistee and get better communication with the DNR outside of just what happens at the Weir. In response to a question concerning Natural Resources research needed, Koon said that "We (the tribe) already have the information and are very willing to share it." Erv Kowalski (Commissioner) said that youth crime was increasing around the county and needed to be addressed. Council Member Janine Sam said that there must be a joint effort between the tribe, city, county and townships to pool resources and put pressure on state government for the region. The top concern of the group was job creation/growth in the region.

This meeting was one of an on-going series of meetings between the County and City designed to improve relations and share positive vision(s) for all residents.

Article by:
Glenn Zaring
Public Information Director

THIRD REGIONAL SUMMIT SHOWS PROMISE FOR AREA

Janice McCraner, Manistee County Commissioner from Arcadia, had a vision to start Regional Summits where leaders from all walks of government and business could meet to look to the future of the Manistee area. The 3rd all-day summit was held on October 30th at Portage Point Inn (Onkama) and LRBOI was well represented.



Ogema Patrick D. Wilson, Speaker Steve Parsons and Council Member Kimberly Alexander represented the tribal elected government. Frank Beaver (Natural Resources), Robert Memberto (Commerce), Dan Shepard (Planning) and Glenn Zaring (Public Information/PR) represented government departments that are involved in outside planning and activities for the tribe.

Following a welcome by County Commission Chairman Allan O'Shea, Kurt Schindler, County Extension Director from Michigan State University presented an extensive program on County Planning and the future. Schindler's



program covered Michigan's Economic Future; how to position Manistee for that future; and the County's Role in planning and logistics of the process. Recognition of the Tribal presence and stake in the process was emphasized by the tribal government representatives who made it perfectly clear that LRBOI is a major stakeholder and player in the region and that we have to be involved.

Also presenting were Renee Ihlenfeldt and Tim Ervin from the Economic Development Office (EDO). They have been doing an extensive study of the



area looking for best practices and possibilities for the future of the area. Tribal representatives including the Tribal Council (see accompanying story) have met with the EDO to provide valuable input into the process.



These Regional Summits are scheduled to continue into the future and hold out hope for improved cooperation between the governmental entities and the sovereign nation of the Little River Band.

Article and photos by:
Glenn Zaring, PI Director

Tax Office - Questions & Answers

If you have tax questions that you would like to have answered in upcoming editions of Little River Currents, please send them to: Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660 or email them to: bczarnecki@lrboi.com.

Most of the questions that have come in recently are in response to the tax-exempt motor fuel program. I will try to answer these over the next few months.

HOW TO GET THE MOST BENEFIT FROM YOUR TAX-EXEMPT FUEL PURCHASES AT NORTHERN PASS MARATHON:

· Notify the attendant that you are a tribal member before they ring up your sale. Also remember that you cannot get the discount if you pay at the pump. You must go inside to pay for your fuel.

· Tell the attendant if you are purchasing premium, mid-grade or diesel instead of regular unleaded fuel. If you are a resident tribal member, you are entitled to a sales tax discount as well as the motor fuel discount. Since the sales tax is based on a percentage of the selling price of the fuel, the sales tax will be higher on higher priced fuels. By reminding the attendant that you are purchasing more expensive fuel, they will be able to calculate the correct sales tax discount.

· Tell the attendant if you are a "Resident" tribal member. Resident tribal members have stickers on their Tribal ID cards, but this sticker might be overlooked by the attendant. A polite reminder will ensure that you get the additional discount if you are entitled to it.

· Keep track of your gallons so you don't go over the limit. The penalties for over-limit purchases could cancel out any savings you realize on your fuel purchases. Please don't go over your monthly limit.

· Check your receipts. Mistakes happen; especially if the station is very busy. Double check your fuel receipt to make sure it shows the discount(s) you are entitled to. All tribal members should get the 19 cent per gallon Michigan motor fuel discount. This will show up on your receipt as FUEL DISCOUNT and should equal the number of gallons purchased times 19 cents. If you are a resident tribal member and have the RTM sticker on your ID card, you should also get the sales tax discount which appears as TAX DIS on your receipt. The amount of the tax discount should be equal to: the total amount of your fuel, minus the fuel discount, times 6%.

Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel Quota

Notice to Tribal Members:

Effective December 1, 2006 the tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit will change.

The new limit will be posted on the clipboard at Northern Pass.

The amount will be determined based on how many gallons we have remaining in our annual quota for 2006.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Presents:

Community Movie Night

Date & Time:

Every Wednesday night beginning
November 15, 2006 at 6:30 pm

Location:

LRBOI Justice Center Trailer Annex
3031 Domres Road, Manistee, MI

Each week a movie representing or influenced by Native American people, culture, tradition, or history will be shown in an effort to bring forth an awareness and interest in our heritage. Coming together as a community to fellowship and educate makes for a stronger and healthier relationship for everyone.

A pre-determined movie listing has been developed so that the membership can be provided with a movie synopsis, rating, and running time prior to the movie date.

Sponsored By:

LRBOI Historic Preservation Department

Please note:

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

A limited amount of beverages and snacks will be available for each movie. Please feel free to bring your own beverages and/or snacks or a "goodie" to share if you would like.

Although each movie has been scheduled, they are subject to change depending on availability. You may call ahead to confirm the next scheduled movie by calling 1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or email vhandler@lrboi.com.



Please be aware that the current and future movie night schedules are dependent on participation. If poor attendance is received, the schedule may be discontinued prior to the end of this schedule. If attendance is fair to excellent, a new schedule (to start in February 2007) will be arranged for distribution.

For comments, suggestions, and/or questions, please contact the Historic Preservation Coordinator at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or vhandler@lrboi.com or by writing to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Attn: Historic Preservation Coordinator

375 River Street

Manistee, MI 49660

LRBOI Hunter's Safety Class

For several years the LRBOI Conservation Department has been interested in pursuing the ability to host and teach Hunters Safety to the membership and it finally became a reality.

On October 13th & 14th, 2006, Conservation Officers Mark Szynski and Robert Robles provided Hunters Safety to approximately 42 people. That number included staff, volunteers and parents. Out of the 26 who were registered, all 26 passed the test and received their Hunters Safety Certification.



For the program to work effectively, the coursework presented in class needed to be a recognized format and be presented by certified instructors on the material. The current course they are presenting is the MDNR Hunters Safety Course which is recognized nationwide, including on Tribal Lands. Officers Szynski and Robles went through the process of becoming certified instructors by attending a two part training consisting of written testing combined with background investigations and reference checks and then assisting in the course.

Late this summer they assisted Little Traverse Bay Band Conservation Officers along with Grand Traverse Band's Conservation Officers in presenting the course in Petoskey. That was the final step in becoming certified instructors.

The course was/is open to all age groups and consists of approximately 12 hours of instructional materials combined with simulated safe gun handling techniques, hands-on instruction with archery and misc. field exercises.

An annual class schedule is currently being developed so keep on the lookout for further dates and details.

Kchi-Miigwetch goes out to assistant instructors Scott Alexander, Ken LaHaye, Tom Wahr, Virgil Johnson and DPS Officer Aaron McGraw for all their help with the class and for sharing their experiences and stories. And a special Miigwetch to Conservation Officers Szynski and Robles for their dedication to the Tribe and their unwavering willingness to assist where ever and when ever needed. As a parent, I enjoyed the class, the time I spent with my son and oh...the fact that I now have my certification makes it all the better.

Melissa Waitner



Special notes of interest;

Again this course was offered to all age groups, the youngest being a 2nd grader who was 8 years old. This young man was very active and participated a great deal in the class; obviously exhibiting the knowledge he gained from the course along with a great interest and respect for outdoors.

At the conclusion of the course during the written test portion, the young 2nd grader has some difficulty understanding some of the large words and vocabulary on the written test and was unable to complete it on site. Considering his verbal skills and knowledge of the material, two instructors from the class opted to volunteer time the following day (Sunday) and presented the test orally to the young man in the company of his father. This young man successfully completed and passed the final test with no problems and received his hunter's safety certificate.



While this is not a common practice, it is within the guidelines to present the course orally for those in need of assistance. The individuals who volunteered their time to give the test were: LRBOI DPS Officer Aaron McGraw and CO Mark Szynski. Considering that these officers took it upon themselves to go the extra mile and volunteer the time to administer this test the next day, shows the obvious dedication to this program and that it will continue for years to come.

"The ultimate goal of the course is to train knowledgeable, SAFE and responsible hunters who are respectful of the animals and the land on which they harvest."





JOB POSTINGS AND EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORM NOW AVAILABLE ON THE LRBOI WEBSITE

We would like to notify everyone that they can now access job postings and the Tribe's employment application form on the LRBOI website. Our goal is to continually update this site with information about current open positions within the Tribal Government. We will be frequently updating our job postings so you may want to save this page under your "Favorites". To access the Human Resources web page simply log onto www.lrboi.com click on [Program and Employment Applications and Information Website](#) then select [Job Postings and Employment Application](#). From this site you will be able to view all job postings at the Tribal Government as well as any contact information you will need to pursue the application process.

You can also telephone the Job Hotline at 1-866-556-5660 to find out what is currently available.

When you see a job that you would like apply for please contact either Alyce Giltz at Phone:231-398-6704, Fax:231-398-9101 or E-mail:agiltz@lrboi.com, or Kimberly Montney at Phone:231-398-6702, Fax:231-398-9101 or E-mail:kmontney@lrboi.com.

You can download the Employment Application and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Whatever works best for you.

We wish you "good luck" in finding your perfect career opportunity.

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In the new connected world, it is sometimes easier for our Tribal Citizens to send us a quick e-mail than it is to write a letter or fill out a form. Recognizing this, the tribal Public Information and Information Technology Departments have created a special e-mail account just for comments from you, the readers of *Little River Currents*.

If you have comments on the newspaper, the articles, ads or features, just send them to:
CurrentsComments@lrboi.com

This new 'address' will also allow you to send questions concerning what you have seen in the Currents. The Public Information Department will then forward these comments to the right people in the government for you.

Again, add this address, CurrentsComments@lrboi.com to your favorite e-addresses and shoot us a note when you see something in the paper that you wish to comment on. As with printed submissions, we would appreciate a name, address and telephone number with the comment. That let's us get back to you if we need to do so.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!

In January the Education Department will be sending out registration forms for LRBOI/JOM Student Services for 2007. For mailing this registration form we will be requesting mailing labels from the Enrollment Department for every Tribal member from 3 to 19 years old. If your child is a Tribal member, 3 years old and enrolled in preschool (at the time you receive the registration form) or up to 12th grade (not adult education programs for GED, and not in college), then he/she is eligible for this program.

This registration form serves as the application for the \$400 school clothing bank cards issued in August. For 2007 the deadline for completing this registration form is Friday, February 16, 2007. Your child’s registration form must be completed and returned postmarked no later than February 16, 2007 or your child will not receive the \$400 bank card for school clothing.

Sometime during the early part of January you will receive the registration form. It is mailed in a bright yellow envelope with “Education” stamped in red letters. Enclosed in the envelope will be a notice with all deadline dates, the Student Services Registration Form, a sheet with 3 specific service request forms (Activities, Class Ring/Senior Expenses, Driver’s Education), and a pre-posted return envelope. It is imperative that you complete the registration form and return it in the pre-posted envelope postmarked no later than February 16, 2007. Any applications received with a postmark later than February 16, 2007 will not be accepted. Faxes, copies and hand delivered registrations will not be accepted.

To confirm that we have received your registration, the Education Department will send receipt postcards, as well as an email notification to those who include an email address in the registration. If you do not receive either a receipt postcard or email notification by March 9, 2007 you will need to contact us on or before March 15, 2007. On March 16, 2007, the final list for ordering National City Bank Cards will be completed. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ON THE LIST, FOR ANY REASON, HE OR SHE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE \$400 BANK CARD!!!

The following steps will ensure that your child receives the \$400 school clothing bank card:

1. Make sure that your current address on file with the Enrollment Department is the address you are receiving your mail at in January. If you are moving, make sure you submit a change of address to the Enrollment Department for each child.
2. Complete the LRBOI/JOM Student Services Registration Form and return to LRBOI in the pre-stamped envelope postmarked no later than February 16, 2007
3. Notify the Education Department by the end of January 2007 if you don’t receive a Registration Form for any of your children. (You must have a separate registration form for each child)
4. Notify the Education Department on or before March 15, 2007 if you have not received a receipt post card or email for any of your children. (You will receive a separate receipt post card and email for each child)
5. If you move during the period between completing the Registration Form in January and receiving the National City Bank Card in August, make sure that you complete a change of address form for each child and submit it to the Tribal Enrollment Department. If you are moving close to the time cards are expected to arrive (early to mid August) make sure that you leave a forwarding address with the Post Office.

Please note that (barring a court order that states otherwise) completing an application for a child who does not live with you, spending down a card issued to a child over whom you do not have custody, and misusing the card in any way can result, and has resulted, in prosecution.

If you have friends or family members who move often or who may not receive Little River Currents for any reason, please share this information with them. It can mean the difference of students having access to \$400 for school clothes or not.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LRBOI/JOM STUDENT SERVICES

JANUARY 31, 2007	Notify Education Department if you have not received Registration Forms for each of your children (enrolled Tribal Members) [Forms come in bright yellow envelopes stamped Education in red ink] [Yvonne at (231) 398-6735 or Deb at (231) 398-6724]
FEBRUARY 16, 2007	LRBOI/JOM Student Services Registration forms must be post marked and mailed separately for each of your children (no copies, faxes or hand delivered registrations will be accepted)
MARCH 9, 2007	Receipt Post Cards and Emails for each of your children should be received.
MARCH 15, 2007	Last day to notify Education Department if you did not receive a receipt Post Card or Email for each of your children [Yvonne at (231) 398-6735 or Deb at (231) 398-6724]
MARCH 16, 2007	Final Bank Card list completed. Students not on this list, for any reason, will not receive the \$400 bank card in August
AUGUST, 2007	Bank Cards will be delivered via Certified Mail. If you have moved since submitting your registration forms, make sure your correct current address is on file with the Tribal Enrollment Department for each of your children
DECEMBER 1, 2007	Last day to request LRBOI/JOM Student Services Assistance for: Activities (\$100), Class Ring (\$100), Senior Expenses (\$325), Driver’s Ed (\$250)

APPLICATION FOR COMPLIMENTARY GSA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP 2007

The GSA Minorities and Women in the Geosciences Committee and the GSA Foundation are sponsoring 20 free memberships to GSA for minority students in 2007. The goal of these complimentary memberships is to encourage the visibility of minorities in the geosciences.
If you are a minority student in the geosciences, please fill in the information below to apply for a complimentary free membership to GSA for the 2007 calendar year.
Free membership will be provided to the first 20 qualified applicants. Please mail to Pamela Fistell , Geological Society of America, P.O. Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301-9140. You may also fax this information to 303-357-1070.

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School Attending:

Degree Program:

Year of Graduation:

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity:

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American Indian or Alaska NativePacific Islander

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Disability: Yes No

Are you currently a member of GSA? Yes No

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Aanii. It's that time of year again! The leaves have fallen (most of them in my yard), the wind is brisk and the holidays are coming up fast! Please remember to check on flu vaccinations! I have some reminders and some announcements for you this time. They are very important so please make a note of it and mark your calendar.

First of all, I would like to remind all the EHAP members to include the confirmation numbers on all your bills/claims for payment or reimbursement. Thank you to all of you that do remember, it is a great help to us.

Second, please remember that we need at least a 48-hour advance notice for all scheduled appointments. You do not have to wait until 2 days prior to call, you may call in as soon as you know the appointment date.

The first announcement is that we have been at full staff for about 5 weeks and it is tremendous! The few changes we made are working out extremely well and all is good! They are as follows:

A thru D	–	Jackie Rose	Extension 6625
E thru J	–	Roberta Davis	Extension 6626
K thru N	–	Kathy Berentsen	Extension 6617
O thru Sk	–	Karla Battice	Extension 6628
SL thru Z	–	Krystal Davis	Extension 6618

I humbly thank you all for your patience and kindness during our transition, we appreciate it very much.

The second announcement I have is that we will be doing office re-organization, document/file clean-up, and audit preparation during the week of Thanksgiving. So this means that November 20, 21, and 22, you will receive voicemail in CHS/EHAP. These things need to be done and unfortunately this means you will not be able to reach us. We will be returning calls daily, but you will need to make sure you leave your number on the message.

Our goal is membership (CHS/EHAP) satisfaction. We will be doing some training during this time to enhance the program. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me. My extension is 6620.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding CHS/EHAP, please let your worker or myself know. The toll free number is 1.888.382.8299 or locally 231.723.8299. Miigwech.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gina Wright
CHS/EHAP Supervisor

NOTICE

To Contract Health (CHS) and Extended Health (EHAP) Members:

During the week of November 20th, The CHS and EHAP offices will be going through some reorganization.

To ensure an efficient completion of this task, *on November 20, 21, and 22 we will not be answering the phones. However, we will return your calls at the end of every day so please do not hesitate to leave your name, phone number and a short message.*

We are going to be doing: Office Reorganization, Document/File Clean-up, and Audit preparation.

We thank you in advance for your patience and ask you to please plan accordingly.

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Junior Little River Princess - Brook Ryndres

Brook Ryndres moved here five years ago from Wisconsin. She currently attends Kennedy School and is an honor roll student. Brook has also received an honorable mention for never missing a day of school.

She enjoys biking, horse back riding, swimming and being with her friends.

“I certainly have learned a lot from being a Tribal Member and from all the events such as Powwows and gatherings that I have attended.” Brook says, “I also enjoy all the functions that the Tribe holds for kids and families.”

Junior Little River Princess, Brook Ryndres also said that “Hopefully one day I will be able to speak Anishinaabec fluently and learn all there is to know about our Tribe and our traditions.”



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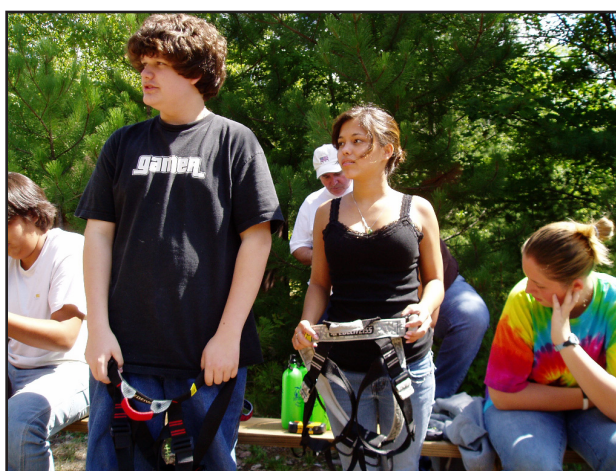
Ogema Wilson has recently toured Aki to inspect several maintenance issues that have been of concern to the current residents. There could be a need for updates and repairs on the houses. Ogema Wilson is working toward a satisfactory solution to ensuring that the maintenance is done in due time to prevent future costly repairs to the Tribe.



SEE COMMENTS FROM THE HOUSING DIRECTOR ON PAGE 19

Anishnabek Future Leaders (AFL) Summer Youth Camp

This summer members of our Tribal Youth Council attended the Anishnabek Future Leaders (AFL) Summer Youth Camp. The camp was held from August 21st through the 24th at the Clear Lake Education Center in Shingleton, MI. The purpose of the camp was to expose students to Anishnabek culture and traditions while at the same time providing them with leadership skills. Some of the activities included; Clan teachings, traditional leadership activities, crafts, drumming, talking circles, health and wellness workshops, public speaking, and warrior games. Staff members were Anishnabe role models who were chosen based on their ability to “walk in two worlds” – to follow traditional Anishnabek teachings and to successfully work as craftsmen, teachers, guidance counselors, service providers, and tribal council members. A chii-miigwech goes out to the members of our youth council; Jacob Campbell, Autumn “Rain” Gonzalez, and Christine Verheek for representing our tribe. Their dedication, determination, and hard work show that our Tribe is striving to create leaders and teach our youth to carry on our Native traditions.



2006 Membership Meeting



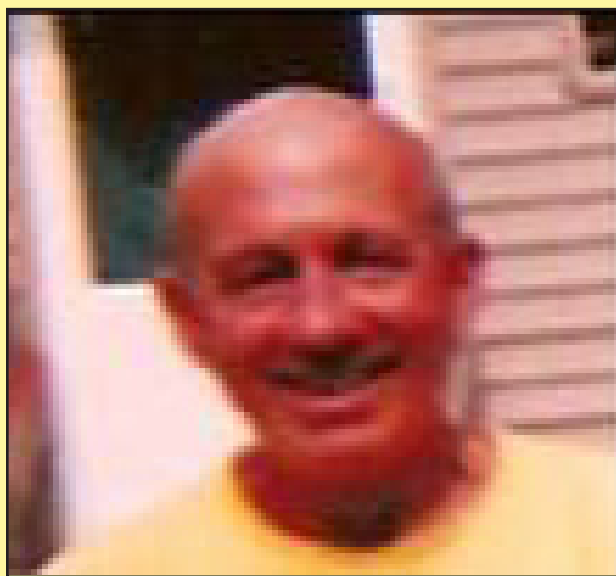
Submission - Honoring Family Warriors

I would like to honor some of my family members and warriors and especially the only two still alive that are celebrating Birthday's in October. One is my father " Cecil Francis Lamorandier and the other a cousin Robert M. Lamorandier". They are just two left in a family of many warriors that are honored by being on the Monument of the LR Band of Ottawa Indiana Veterans, located in front of the Little River Casino Resort. I would just like to take this time to wish them both a Happy Birthday, and thank them for their bravery and courage in helping to keep this land safe for others and me. I respect all of these Uncle's, and wish to honor them with their pictures and names to show my respect and gratitude, for which I couldn't tell them while they were alive. My love goes out to them all and others on this Monument and thank you for being the men who believed this country is worth fighting for, with all my heart God Bless you all.

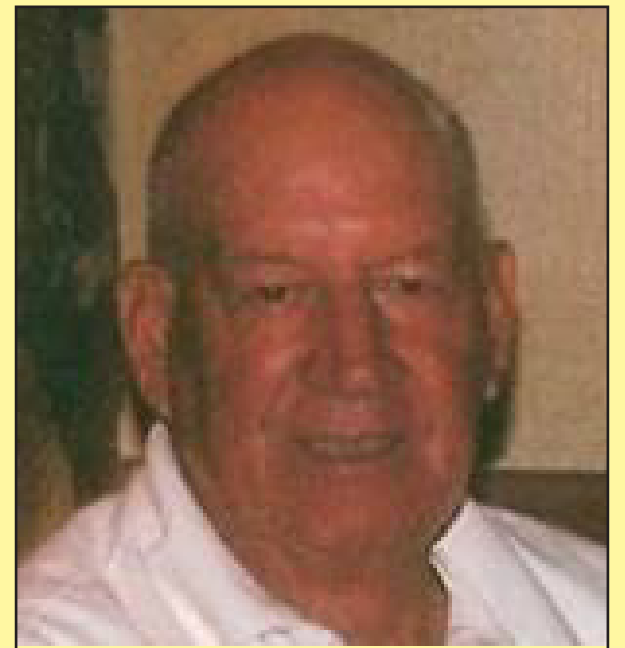
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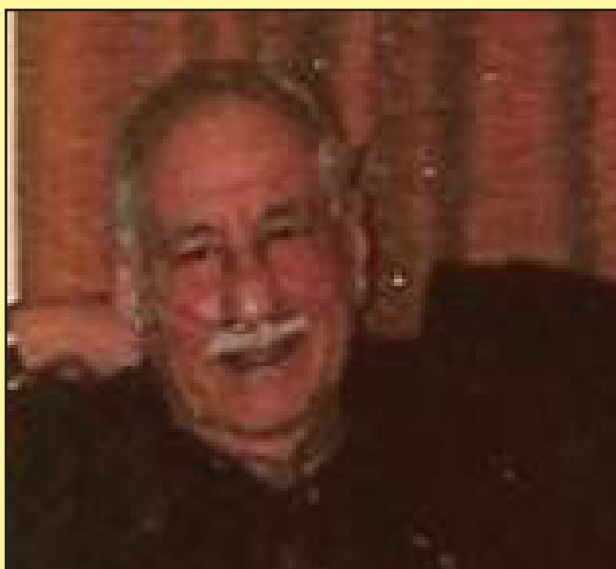
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Tobacco Progress Report



Electrofishing With LRBOI Inland Fisheries



Portage Lake, Bear Lake, Tippy Dam Pond, Gun Lake and Five Other Locations - In the Dark and Cold Michigan Weather...

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Electrofishing With LRBOI Inland Fisheries

STORY CONTINUED FROM COVER PAGE - PICTURES ON PAGE 18



“In order to obtain an accurate estimate of the age-0 and age-1 walleye and northern pike the entire shoreline needs to be sampled. This is a little bit too much for just one boat. Now that all three tribes have electrofishing boats this allows us to sample an entire lake on just one night. It is also a good way to get all three tribes together to conduct an assessment” Said biologist Justin Chiotti.

The assessments need to be conducted when the water temperature is between 10-20 degrees Celsius. At this temperature, young walleye move into shallow areas of the lake and are easier to capture using our boomshocking boats.

Finding out how many young walleye and northern pike are in a lake allows our biologists and technicians to determine how successful the spring spawning was for walleye and northern pike. These numbers also provide information on the success of walleye stocking programs. For example, if we know that there was a large number of walleye produced in 2006, this may tell us that in 2 or 3 years there will be many harvestable walleye in that lake.

How does electrofishing work? Two large metal rings connected to a generator are set

just on the surface of the water in front of the boat. When the power is turned on, fish swimming by are ‘attracted to the current’ and for a few seconds, the two crew members in the front of the boat scoop them up with nets. The fish recover from the shock in less than 5 seconds, so the netters need to be quick. Recognizing specific species, despite the powerful spotlights and grabbing them before they disappear is quite a challenge!

The entire shoreline on the lake is electroshocked. As a result, all representative habitats are sampled. On larger lakes when shocking the entire shoreline isn’t possible smaller ‘stations’ are sampled year after year.

Water quality measurements are also taken during each assessment. Walleye and northern pike captured were measured to the nearest millimeter and a dorsal spine or scale sample is taken. The fish are numbered, measured, and placed back into the water. In the lab, impressions of fish scales are made using plastic impression slides and dorsal spines are sections using a dremel tool. Digital images of fish scales and spines are then taken using a microscope and the fish’s age is determined in the lab using computer software. To prevent any mistakes, two or three staff members age each scale.

These statistics help Tribal biologists make reports and sound recommendations regarding the best population management approach. This ensures that LRBOI is making all possible efforts to manage and protect the tradition of fish harvesting throughout the Tribal reservation areas.

The LRBOI Inland Fisheries Program conducts walleye recruitment assessments each year. Criteria for selecting lakes are based on results from Natural Resources Surveys

distributed by the LRBOI NRD, fishing pressure by Tribal members, proximity to the 1836 and 1855 LRBOI Reservations and location within the 1836 Ceded Territory, and previous work conducted by other agencies. Walleye are targeted frequently by Tribal members and were also selected as a management priority by the membership.

Study Sites:

Portage Lake - (Manistee County) is 2110 acres in size located within the 1836 Ceded Territory approximately 4 miles north of the LRBOI 1836 Reservation and is heavily fished by Tribal membership (LRBOI 2004-1).

Bear Lake – (Manistee County) is 1744 acres in size located within the 1836 Ceded Territory approximately 9 miles north of the LRBOI 1836 Reservation.

Tippy Dam Pond – (Manistee County) is a 1279-acre reservoir partially located within the LRBOI 1836 Reservation. The reservoir was formed as a result of the impoundment of the Big Manistee and Pine Rivers by Tippy Dam.

Big Star Lake – (Lake County) is 912 acres in size located within the 1836 Ceded Territory.

Five other lakes were sampled this year in cooperation with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

For information on these reports or assessments please contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Department.

Article by Emily Drouin in collaboration with Justin Chiotti

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Response to Ogema’s Tour of Aki maadiziwin

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The Housing Department was pleased that no compelling deficiencies were noted and that only normal maintenance issues were identified in the Ogema’s recent tour of Elders’ housing.

Housing maintenance is important: it is important because housing is important. Housing contributes to well-being in multiple ways. It provides not only shelter which is a basic human need, but also contributes to the safety and security needs as well as contributing to other elements of well-being for both individuals and families. Proper maintenance contributes to these same ends as well as providing for the longevity of the home and its component systems.

Maintenance, in itself, is multifaceted and can sometimes be quite complex. In general, the Housing Department works to promote high standards with respect to both maintenance and customer service. The Housing Department has adopted a three-fold approach to address general maintenance issues. For one, the Housing Department has established policies and procedures to address any individual maintenance need of either Elder resi-

dents (at Aki maadiziwin) or any need of any resident of any tribally owned residential property. Under these provisions, residents have the opportunity to complete a maintenance request form which the department makes deliberate efforts to address in a timely manner. This form provides the basis for the department to address any particular maintenance issue and residents are encouraged to make these needs known to the Housing Department so appropriate arrangements can be made to address any given maintenance related problem. Additionally, the Housing Department undertakes regular and routine maintenance and preventative maintenance activities to address group issues, for example, changing furnace filters, grounds maintenance, etc. The Department also provides on-call maintenance coverage to address possible emergency situations. Residents of tribal housing are encouraged to call anytime with any serious housing-related issue.

Looking to the future, it is expected that the Housing Department will utilize a portion of the Tribe’s NAHASDA grant funding to provide for the projected

maintenance needs for the homes that are managed by the Housing Department that were secured with federal funds. We would also like to take this opportunity to punctuate a number of near-term future improvements: 1) tribal members should be aware planning for a Community Center (which will be located at Aki maadiziwin) is actively underway; 2) the Housing Department is in the process of staging a comprehensive housing-specific strategic planning effort at this time; 3) the Tribe is currently in the process of adding five new low-income rental homes to Aki maadiziwin. The expected timelines related to these activities are as follows: the five homes will be available to the membership by the end of February – watch for further announcements. The completion of the strategic planning effort will likely conclude shortly thereafter but it may take many years to implement. The Community Center Work Group is still hopes of beginning the construction of the Community Center in 2007.

Chuck Fisher
Housing Director



Wildlife Society Annual Conference Tribal Symposium: Indigenous Peoples Wildlife and Ecosystem Management



Invited by the Native Peoples Working Group of The Wildlife Society, Svoboda stepped up to the plate and added the coordination of the Tribal Symposium to his already busy schedule. Taking up the challenge of organizing an event that would take place on the other side of the continent, he found speakers from around the country, gave them direction and feedback on the presentations and topics that would best fit into the conference's theme: "Indigenous Peoples Wildlife and Ecosystem Management" and booked their appearances throughout the tightly scheduled event. He also arranged to have Traditional Dancers from Alaska at the opening ceremonies; an Elder to give the opening prayers; and Elders and respected members of the community give opening addresses.

"Nate did an absolutely outstanding job of organizing the symposium! He has so much energy and enthusiasm and was invaluable. He was an outstanding person to work with, not only professionally, but personally as well. His continued involvement with the Native People's Working Group is very much appreciated," said Richard Wadleigh of the Native People's Working Group. Wadleigh also stated that he looks forward to Svoboda becoming an elected member of the NPWG in the future.

Above and beyond organizing this event almost single handedly, Svoboda also ensured that moneys from a generous donation from the USDA-APHIS would be allocated to ensure that, on behalf of the Native Peoples Working Group of The Wildlife Society, four (4) \$1,500 scholarships were offered to students of natural resources currently enrolled members of a Native American/First Nations Tribe to pay for the costs of attending the conference. Svoboda also had Tribal Members craft tobacco ties that were then given to the dancers, elders and guest speakers as tokens of appreciation and thanks for their participation. These were gratefully received by all and ensured that the ceremonies were done in a good way. Jeanne Lubbering also participated in the planning of this event.

Following are the brief descriptions of talks that were given during the symposium:

Indigenous Peoples Wildlife and Ecosystem Management

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Traditionally, native people have been perceived as caretakers of Mother Earth and honor and look to her for various cultural, spiritual and subsistence reasons. Native people have a distinct relationship and knowledge of the ecosystem that is unique to contemporary ideology. These traditional knowledge and beliefs incorporated into resource management are instrumental in providing responsible, long term, natural resource management among indigenous communities and can serve to provide insight into modern techniques and practices. We will provide attendees with a unique perspective on natural resource management and an understanding of the importance of native natural resources to indigenous communities and their way of life. Management of natural resources in native communities is inherently based on a system of beliefs and traditions that is passed from one generation to the next. The non-native community often has an incomplete understanding of the importance, depth and purpose of resource management for native peoples. We will attempt to provide an understanding of native management programs and hope to provide a means for Tribes and First Nations to more fully participate in multi-agency management. We hope to demonstrate through Tribal/First Nations participation, the multi disciplinary extent of Tribal/First Nations natural resource programs, and the array of social, cultural, political, and economic issues these governments must consider when implementing natural resource projects.

Traditional knowledge and the natural laws

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In the olden days Native Americans lived with nature. They knew that if we learned to subsist with nature we would understand the laws of nature; then we would have the tendency to obey the laws of nature. When we obey the natural laws we could enjoy the resources the Creator has in store for us.

Yeil (Raven) in Tlingit history and myth is known as the creator in our country. Most of his creations took place in Dry Bay/Alsek area. After he placed the people in their proper territories he provided them with the fishes from the seas, the animals to inhabit the land, and the fowls of the air. He brought fresh water and fire from the islands so that the people could have sweet water and fire to cook their foods. When he completed his mission he told the people we need to be good stewards over our possessions. If we misuse these precious resources, as well as fail to take

care of the environment, these things will be taken from us.

When I was president of the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe we did a TEK project for the East Alsek River. The purpose for this study was to document ways in which our people hunted and fished and provided for their villages. When we decided to do a management scheme for that area we would bridge our TEK findings with western science. Learning to abide by the natural laws is a huge challenge for everyone. Not only is this true for individuals, but as groups of people, communities, states, and nations as well. The challenge we have in these modern times, a time when much progress is being made in every way throughout the world, is to return to abiding by the laws of nature.

Proactive management of gray wolves in the Great Lakes region

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Wolf-caused depredation results in substantial economic loss to individual farmers, and it can lead to greater public animosity towards wolves (i.e., reduction in social tolerance) and the agencies that manage depredations. Current public opinion favors the use of non-lethal and other control measures over lethal control of wolves if possible. Further, Michigan and Wisconsin farmers have exhibited some interest in using non-lethal management tools. During 2003-2006, we examined several non-lethal tools for application by agencies and farmers in proactive wolf management. We also surveyed farmers in the northern Great Lakes Region relative to their interest in participating in wolf management programs, including active management on their lands. In general, farmers had low to moderate interest in non-lethal management tools, despite the vast majority (>85%) having not received any educational materials on such tools. We present some of our results from experimental trials, surveys, and discuss our current efforts at monitoring a recovering wolf population in the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. This latter work includes active engagement of the farming community in the hopes of implementing farmer-based management tools before the wolf population expands.

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Spirituality and Science

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The foundation for the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of Alaska Natives, and many other indigenous peoples, about fish, wildlife, habitat, and environment stems from the profound qualities of connectedness, reverence, and reciprocity indigenous peoples have nurtured over hundreds of generations and thousands of years. These qualities, it can be argued, are what Alaska Natives and other indigenous peoples consider to be the essence of their spirituality. Indeed, the Alaska Native elders understand that without this kind of spirituality, it is not possible to communicate with, relate to, adapt to, understand, or properly steward the fish, wildlife, and habitat so central to the viability of the Alaska Native ways of life. Western scientific paradigms do not acknowledge these ways of knowing as scientifically valid, nor is western science equipped to determine whether or not these ways have validity. This situation, de facto, marginalizes traditional ways of knowing and ensures that it does not play any central role in the conduct of scientific research. Fora are needed between scientists and Native Wisdomkeepers to explore the obstacles and challenges, and to strategically develop solutions to real and mutually beneficial partnerships.

Integrating traditional ecological knowledge with western science through education

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Statement of Objective: Develop and deliver a Tribal university level education program that integrates traditional ecological knowledge with western science. Tribal governments are eager to become more meaningfully involved in the management, research, and monitoring of the natural resources and their environment upon which their members depend. Many Tribal governments have developed natural resource management programs, and have come to realize that in order to be more effectively and meaningfully involved in natural resource management and research activities, they must enhance their existing base of traditional ecological knowledge with western science. The Tatitlek Village IRA Council is leading this initiative to develop and administer a university level education program that will be culturally sensitive, and include the integration of traditional ecological knowledge and traditional management strategies and philosophies with western science. Moreover, the usual college education approach

to attending a central college campus requiring Alaska Natives to leave their village, families, subsistence lifestyles, and their jobs has not proven to be effective in rural Alaska. An innovative approach that brings education to the communities in a culturally responsive manner is a more effective way to build capacity and effectively involve Alaska Natives in the natural sciences.

CRRC and the Tatitlek Village IRA Council have joined forces with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Interior Aleutian Campus (IAC) of the University of Alaska's College of Rural Alaska (CRA) to design, develop, and administer an innovative and culturally sensitive natural resource education program to meet the needs of the Tribes.

Initial work will focus on the development of Certificate (i.e., 30 credit) and Associate (i.e., 60 credit) degrees in the marine and fisheries sciences and the initial delivery of the program is being piloted in the Chugach Region.

Native American Eagle Aviaries - An Alternative for Non-releasable Eagles

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Wildlife rehabilitators frequently struggle with the question of what to do with non-releasable birds. Many rehabilitators obtain education permits and utilize such birds as wildlife ambassadors. Some educational permittees keep multiple eagles. These "warehoused" birds use space and resources that may otherwise have been used for releasable birds.

Laws were passed that limit the individual's ability to keep eagles in captivity. The very laws that were meant to protect the species can doom the individual bird. Many non-releasable eagles are available and zoos don't want birds with obvious disabilities. Placement options, thus, are limited. Eagles are special for many people. Perhaps the bald eagle's attraction for most people is their size, regal beauty, and all it symbolizes.

Enter the Native Americans

Native Americans view eagles as sacred and use their feathers for religious, cultural and ceremonial purposes. While the Bald Eagle Protection Act (passed in 1940 and amended in 1962) protected eagles, it put a stop to an essential part of the religion and culture of Native Americans. The Native American Religious Freedom Act was passed; it provided a limited solution. Eagle feathers and carcasses are sent to the National Eagle Repository in Colorado, where documented Native Americans from federally recognized Tribes can apply to receive them. It can take 6 months to obtain a single feather, and as long as 2-3 years to obtain a carcass.

The Win-win Scenario

Both The Zuni Pueblo Indians in New Mexico, and the Iowa Tribe in Oklahoma have built Tribal Eagle Aviaries. The birds receive the best of care, and the tribes simply pick up their feathers as they naturally molt, and are able to hand them out to tribal members.

Current and potential efforts between USDA Wildlife Services and First Nations to control exotic species

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Invasive species can be costly in terms of economics, damaged goods and equipment, power failures, food and water shortages, environmental degradation, increased rates and severity of natural disasters, disease epidemics, and even lost lives. The federally-established National Invasive Species Council (NISC) is charged with addressing the nation's growing problems caused by invasive species and is co-chaired by the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce and the Interior, and includes the Secretaries of State, Treasury, Defense, and Transportation, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Invasive species concerns addressed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) include disease vectors, plants and insects, livestock and agricultural damage, property damage, and human health and safety. USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services collaborates with NISC in developing strategies for addressing conflicts between invasive wildlife species and humans. Wildlife Services' goal relative to invasive species is to prevent or minimize negative impacts of vertebrate invasive species on natural resources, property, and people through research and management. Partnerships, including memorandums of understanding (MOUs) and cooperative agreements, are essential at the local, national, state, and tribal levels to allow for the detection, coordination, and implementation of strategies to control invasive species. WS has collaborated with tribes on managing invasive species such as nutria with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; feral dogs with the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, and Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe in Arizona; feral hogs in Oklahoma; and squawfish in the Pacific Northwest. This presentation describes programs within USDA-APHIS, with emphasis on Wildlife Services, concerned with animal and plant health. The objective of the presentation is to describe various tools within APHIS programs available for wildlife managers. The USDA-APHIS-Native American Working Group enhances APHIS program delivery and accessibility to tribes, intertribal committees, and related organizations.

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Status of the black bear in the Northwestern Lower Peninsula of Michigan: A non-invasive mark-recapture population estimate study

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The use of hair-snares and microsatellite genetic markers in mark-recapture population estimates has become increasingly common in studying large mammals. In black bear (*Ursus americanus*) studies, hair-snares are advantageous over traditional methods because complications and dangers associated with direct personal contact of the bears are avoided. Open and closed-population models may offer differing estimates of population size. Open-population models often require less effort than closed-population models because they cover a smaller area. While closed-population models are useful in estimating population size over an all-encompassing area (state level), open-population models estimate a still large, but more precise area. Hair-snares were used to non-invasively collect hair samples from black bears (May-July 2005) in order to estimate population size. Sample collection took place in 9 counties in the Northwestern Lower Peninsula of Michigan where hair-snare units (n=265) were distributed in a grid-like fashion. DNA was extracted from hair follicles and amplified at 7 microsatellite loci using PCR. Data was analyzed using the open-population models in program MARK and yield a population size of 48 individuals (95% C.I. 17-95). In previous population estimates including the entire Northern Lower Peninsula, closed-population models estimated population size of 1,882 bears (95% C.I. 1,389-2,551). Our study area encompassed approximately 33% of the closed population study area but only 3% of the total bears. Our results indicate that black bears are not equally distributed throughout the Northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. This discrepancy may be attributed to urban development and lack of usable habitat. Closed-population models may not accurately describe the distribution of bears across their entire sampling area.

Cooperative moose management and research in the 1854 Ceded Territory

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Moose (*Alces alces*) in northeastern Minnesota are subject to harvest both by state licensed hunters and tribal members from three Lake Superior Chippewa bands exercising their treaty-reserved rights to

hunt in the 1854 Ceded Territory. The presentation will provide an overview of moose management in northeastern Minnesota with an emphasis on relationships between the State and Tribal entities that share management responsibility. Specific topics to be discussed include settlement of treaty rights issues, harvest allocation and strategies, and the evolving State-Tribal partnerships that have been created during the past 17 years. An update on the status of moose in Minnesota, population monitoring efforts, population goals, and the future direction of management will also be provided.

Co-management processes after the Voigt Decision in Wisconsin

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Co-management is a process; not a destination. It is a manner of working together which results in improved management. In this presentation I explore this process and how it is unfolding in Wisconsin. The Ojibwe ceded territories in treaties in the mid-1800's in which they reserved the right to harvest natural resources. After the formation of Wisconsin the Ojibwe were relegated to "violators" trying to exercise their treaty rights. Tribal governments were disenfranchised from decisions affecting the resources on which their culture depended. In the 1970's litigation began which ended series of court orders known as the Voigt Decision. This decision upheld the existence of off-reservation treaty rights in Wisconsin. It approved harvest regulations independent from state laws and, it ordered tribes to have access to state fish and wildlife management processes. Co-management in Wisconsin began in the "shadow of the court". The Voigt Decision set out processes for tribes to participate in Wisconsin resource management decisions and was essential for the development of Ojibwe co-management activities. Tribal biologists were ordered to be official members of the Wisconsin deer advisory committee. This committee was charged with providing biological advice to the State Department of Natural Resources. Tribes brought a more consistent scientific view to the process and were less easily influenced by political pressures. The Tribal/State Wild Rice Committee was also created as a result of the Voigt Decision. This committee was ordered staffed by tribes and state, with co-chairs from each side, a true co-management committee. It is responsible for wild rice management in Wisconsin and relies much more on tribal TEK and advice from tribes. Ojibwe people have a greater role in resource management in Wisconsin because of the Voigt decision. This co-man-

agement role is an ongoing process which has resulted in improved management of Wisconsin's natural resources.

Collaboration with Native American Tribes to conserve fish and wildlife in the Southwest

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In the Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas), there are 83 Federally recognized Tribes with a total estimated land base of 25.3 million acres. This land base, with an estimated 173,000 surface acres of water and 1,000 miles of perennial flowing waters, provides habitat for numerous fish and wildlife species including threatened and endangered species such as Mexican spotted owl, Southwestern willow flycatcher, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, Apache trout, and Mexican wolf. Although Tribal customs and traditions vary, fish and wildlife management goals and concepts are similar. Through collaboration and partnerships

with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), the Tribes have strengthened their abilities to conserve their fish and wildlife. Coupled with Secretarial Order 3206, and other Executive Orders and policies, the Service's Native American Policy and Tribal Wildlife Grant Program provide valuable mechanisms for Tribes to lead in fish and wildlife conservation.

Purpose: The purpose of this symposium is to present research, monitoring and management within native/First nations communities and provide insight into the depth and diversity of native programs and how cultural aspects and traditional knowledge are integrated into natural resource management.

Description of session: this symposium will emphasize First involvement in natural resource management throughout north America. It will highlight the depth and diversity of native resource management programs and provide insight into traditional knowledge and beliefs. topics will include the history of native natural resource management, traditional ecological knowledge and its role in management, resource management and subsistence living, native species research and restoration, exotic species control, conservation issues as well as tribal resource management and co-management among agencies.

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Waáwaášhkešh WHITETAIL DEER Meeting Synopsis



Wednesday, October 18, 2006 – Tribal Members and employees of the LRBOI Natural Resource Department gathered to take part in a meeting on the execution of a grant specific to whitetail deer population management. Professor Clay Nielsen, a nationally known deer expert and professor at Southern Illinois University was invited by tribal biologist Nathan Svoboda to give a presentation on the key components of the ongoing research.

The Deer Population Management grant, obtained through the Tribal Landowner Incentive Grants program of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and also funded by contributions from the LRBOI is managed by Dr. Nielsen and Nathan Svoboda with the help of two SIUC graduate students; Cyrus Hester and Janice Stroud. Great Emphasis was put on the need for Tribal Member involvement in this research, which will focus in large part on the cultural significance of Waáwaášhkešh to the Tribe as well as on the harvesting needs of the Tribal community.

Work on this grant began on June 1st and will continue until the end of 2008. One of the goals of the meeting was to seek volunteers to participate in various aspects of the research as well as to gather input from tribal members to better serve their needs with the grant-funded research. Surveys previously sent out to the Membership indicated that several members hunt, that most hunters do harvest deer, that 51% of Tribal Members agree that deer is a culturally significant species and that deer populations need to be more actively managed.

What are some of the goals of this research?

1. Develop a deer abundance monitoring program to allow future tracking of population trends by doing spotlight surveys during various seasons in order to determine the number of deer on tribal lands and train LRBOI biologists in methodology.
 2. Capture and radio collar deer to quantify home ranges, habitat use, and survival rates. This is done to quantify survival rates, home ranges, and habitat use of deer. The methods used to this end are; to capture deer during winter months (Dec – Mar) and put on radio collars to gather this information – the deer will be captured using clover traps and rocket nets (volunteers needed!).
 3. Create a population model to predict deer abundance trends and response to harvest management.
 4. Quantify deer-vegetation interactions to determine potential deer impact on the ecosystem.
 5. Develop a comprehensive management plan consisting of sound management recommendations to balance Tribal needs and those of deer and the ecosystem.
- Benefits to LRBOI? Better in-depth understanding of deer ecology; trained LRBOI biologists in survey methods, better enabling the Tribe to manage its own resources

Tribal input will be absolutely crucial in this research project!!! The ensuing comprehensive management plan will be based on Tribal Members' goals.

How can you help? There will be plenty of volunteering opportunities throughout the duration of this project, especially during the capture season. If you are willing to: work all night or; work during afternoons and evenings and/or; handle deer – we are looking for your help! There is a lot to learn, a lot of fun to be had and great opportunities to meet other deer enthusiasts! For more information contact:

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Many Thanks to Nina Hawver for providing the great feast! The meal included; deer burgers, fry bread, hotdogs, deer salami, salads, veggies, etc. It was greatly appreciated by all who attended!

Article by Emily Drouin in collaboration with Dr. Nielsen



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Management of natural resources in native communities is inherently based on a system of beliefs and traditions that is passed from one generation to the next. The non-native community often has an incomplete understanding of the importance, depth and purpose

of resource management for native peoples. However, a number of tribes and First nations have entered into resource management and co-management agreements with other agencies. the degree of native involvement varies among regions and may be extensive or limited depending on federal, state or provincial programs, treaty obligations, funding, and public acceptance. Participants will provide an overview of their programs highlighting factors, which make their programs successful, and factors that may inhibit participation among other agencies. We will provide attendees with an overview of various native programs involving both independent management as well as co-management of resources

among agencies. We will attempt to provide an understanding of native management programs and hope to provide a means for tribes and First to more fully participate in multi-agency management. We hope to demonstrate through Tribal/First participation, the multi-disciplinary extent of First natural resource programs, and the array of social, cultural, political, and economic issues these governments must consider when implementing natural resource projects.

Article by Emily Drouin in collaboration with the NPWG

*For more information visit:
<http://www.wildlife.org/index.cfm>*

In a hurry salad with 4 ingredients

- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1 large can crushed pineapple (drained)
- 1 large bowl of cool whip
- 1 cup nuts chopped

Fold together all ingredients in large bowl. Chill and serve

Guideline Eligibility Chart

**Food Distribution Program
monthly income guidelines from
the USDA .**

**Food Distribution Program on
Indian Reservations net monthly
income standards for the the
Contiguous United States**

(Effective October 1st, 2006)

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$951.00
2	\$1,234.00
3	\$1,518.00
4	\$1,806.00
5	\$2,112.00
6	\$2,420.00
7	\$2,703.00
8	\$2,986.00
Each additional member + \$ 284.00	

The food distribution program serves 13 counties; you must be in one of these counties in order to be eligible for our services:

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For more information call :

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Current Assistance Programs

*FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. If you are receiving food assistance from another agency, please verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect your benefits.

-Amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year per household; provided in \$50.00 increments.

Reminder: As we get closer to the end of the year please be sure to access the full amount of assistance by December 16, 2006.

*LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year and amount not to exceed \$200. Assistance is available in all states.

-Amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year; per household.

*RENTAL AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Program may be access once every two years.

-Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed \$1000 or; in the event of eviction or foreclosure amount not to exceed \$1000 to stop eviction or foreclosure proceedings.

**HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The Home Repair Program assists home owners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of substandard roof, electrical, heating, plumbing and weatherization. Assistance is available in all states. Note: Home Repair Eligibility is based on Annual Gross Income, please contact department for income criteria.

-Amount of assistance: \$6000.00 per household

*LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.

-Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.

-Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas, there is no income requirement. Applicant must be;

a. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

b. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

c. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)

d. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.

e. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.



Members Assistance Program Income Guideline

Family Size	150% FPIG Gross Annual	Eligibility is based on 3 months income prior to application
1	\$14,700	\$3,675
2	\$19,800	\$4,950
3	\$24,900	\$6,225
4	\$30,000	\$7,500
5	\$35,100	\$8,775
6	\$40,200	\$10,050
7	\$45,300	\$11,325
8	\$50,400	\$12,600

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated January 24, 2006

**Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government.*

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application:

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Warrior Society

To all Warrior Society Veterans:

Please send your name and address if it is not the same as it is printed in the tribal directory.

I (Al Medacco) need this to send cards, letters, or materials.

Send ASAP to:

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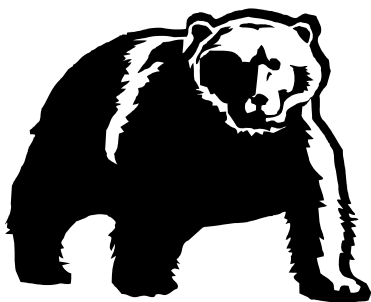
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WORD LIST

Bezhik	- 1	Nshwaaswe	- 8	Ngodwaasmitana	- 60
Niizh	- 2	Zhaangswe	- 9	Niizhwaasmitana	- 70
Nswe	- 3	Mdaaswe	- 10	Nshwaasmitana	- 80
Niiwin	- 4	Niizhtana	- 20	Zhaangsmittana	- 90
Naanan	- 5	Nsemtana	- 30	Ngodwaak	- 100
Ngodwaaswe	- 6	Niimtana	- 40		
Niizhwaaswe	- 7	Naanmittana	- 50		

* To say numbers after ten, just say Mdaaswe shaa bezhik (10 + 1=11), Mdaaswe shaa Niizh (12), Niizhtana shaa bezhik (21), Nsemtana shaa nswe (33) and so on with each group of 10’s.



It was late winter in the Northwoods as the animals gathered near the almost melted lake. They talked of the bitter cold and how wonderful their dreams had been during their winter rest. It was then noticed that the bear had not shown himself yet. “It is not like Bear not to show up and brag about his beautiful tail,” mentioned the fox. No sooner had he said those words and there was Bear petting the soft, bushy fur of his tail. “Good morning Bear, how was your rest?” Questioned the rabbit. “My rest was very much needed for my tail to grow more beautiful,” answered the bear. As the bear talked of his rest, he did not fail to mention his tail throughout the whole conversation. The animals did not appreciate the bear’s boastful ways and after a brief conversation decided to play a trick on the bear. Many conversations were given but the best one was made by the sly fox. Bear joined the group and the fox was ready. “Hey Bear, I believe my tail is better than

Why the Bear Has a Short, Stubby Tail
By Simon Otto - Reprinted from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Frontier, January 1997

yours, and so do the other animals,” he said. “Of course that’s not true though. Everyone knows I have the most beautiful tail in all the Northwood,” answered the bear. “Maybe you have the most beautiful tail, but it is certainly not very useful. I bet you can’t fish with it,” replied the fox. The fish would be attracted to the beauty of my tail and I am sure to catch a few if I wanted to,” boasted the bear. The fox continued to tease the bear. “I don’t know. They seem to enjoy my tail and I always catch quite a few fish. I still don’t think your tail could do it.” “I’ll show you, Fox, that my tail is the best tail ever,” bragged the bear. “If you’re so sure, then go stick your tail in that hole in the ice.” Because of the bear’s ego he did what the fox dared him to do. The Bear sat with this tail in the hole for many hours and could not catch any fish. He then decided to give up and tried to pull his tail from the hole. The water was still very cold, and his tail had frozen into the ice. “Please someone help me. My tail is frozen!” cried the bear. The animals just laughed and walked away.

After a while the great leader, Nanaboozho, came for a visit to the Northwoods. He could hear a cry for help and immediately followed the cry to the lakeshore. “My friend, what has happened?” questioned Nanaboozho. “The animals tricked me into sticking my beautiful tail into this hole, and now it has frozen,” answered the bear. “Could there be a reason for this Bear?” asked Nanaboozho. “The animals have always been jealous of my beautiful tail. I often talk of my tail and they always seem to get upset.” After the explanation, Nanaboozho helped the bear release his tail from the hole. The bear reached around to grab his tail and was surprised to find it was not there. “Nanaboozho, my beautiful tail is gone! What has happened?” cried the bear. “Although your tail was very beautiful, it was given to you by the Creator for other people to praise and admire, but because of your boastful ways the Creator has decided that you would be better off without it. This should be a lesson to you never to brag of something you have that is better than others,” Nanaboozho told the bear. To this day, the bear’s tail remains short and stubby as a lesson to him.

Basket Weaver at LRCCR

The Little River Casino and Resort was recently honored to have noted Native American Basket Weaver Velva Emmer display her Black Ash Splint baskets at the Gift Shop. Some of her baskets will be at the gift shop and will be for sale for the near future. The photos are of she and her work.

Emmer is an Ottawa Descendent from the Great Lakes Region and currently resides in Haslett, MI. She may be reached at 517.339.5368.



ATTENTION MUSKEGON
TRIBAL MEMBERS

Chaplain Raymond Swierenga from the Muskegon Correctional Facility has contacted the tribal government in regard to a request for assistance. The Chaplain reports that the facility has 25 Native American men primarily from Western Michigan tribes in the prison population.

Weekly these men meet for smudging and a Talking Circle and once a year they try to schedule a Sweat Lodge for the men.

The Chaplain is asking for volunteers from our tribe who would be interested in providing guidance and instruction for these men.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact ChaplainSwierengaat231.773.3201 extension 314. Or you may contact him through the mail at Muskegon Correctional Facility, 2400 S. Sheridan Road, Muskegon, MI 49442.

LRBOI Direct Contact Numbers

Ogema's Office	231-398-6824	Economic Development	231-398-6806	Member's Assistance	231-398-6731
Tribal Council	231-398-6845	Election Board	231-398-6852	Little River	
- Kimberly Alexander	231-398-6835	Education	231-398-6724	Casino Resort	888-568-2244
- Shannon Crampton	231-398-6849	Elders	231-398-6709	Natural Resources	231-723-1594
- Norbert Kelsey	231-398-6828	Enrollment	231-398-6713	Peacekeeping	231-398-2239
- Don Koon	231-398-6831	Family Services	231-398-6726	Planning	231-398-6810
- Steve Parsons - Speaker	231-398-6830	Food Commodities	231-398-6715	Prosecuting Attorney	231-398-2242
- Elaine Porter	231-398-6833	Grants	231-398-6870	Public Information	231-398-6840
- Janine Sam - Recorder	231-398-6834	Gaming Commission	231-398-2269	Public Safety	231-398-2225
- Israel Stone	231-398-6807	Health Toll Free	888-382-8299	Reception	888-723-8288
Accounting	231-398-6878	Historic Preservation	231-398-2221	Tax Department	231-398-6874
Be-Da-Bin	888-382-8299	Housing	888-723-8288	Toll Free	888-723-8288
Casino – Toll Free	866-466-7338	Human Resources	231-398-6704	Tribal Court	231-398-3406
Clinic Operations	888-382-8299	Language Hotline	877-789-0993	Utilities	231-723-2309
Contract Health/EHAP	888-382-8299	Legal Department	231-398-6819	Warriors Society	231-398-6720
Community Health		Legal Assistance			
Representatives (CHR)	888-382-8299	Program for Members	231-398-6820		

Little River Casino Resort

Look what's Rolling at the River!



Little River Casino Resort has welcomed the following newly hired preference employees:

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| · Sherlyn Moore
Human Resource Manager | · Bleu Bird
Food and Beverage Bus Person | · Tyler Pieczynski
Food and Beverage Steward |
| · Dustyn Meadows
Food and Beverage Bus Person | · Jodee Thelen
Facilities Wardrobe Clerk | · Charles Smith
Facilities Engineer |
| · Michael Lonn
Food and Beverage Bus Person | · Angela Martin
Table Games Floor Supervisor | |

Preference Employees at LRCR celebrating “Years of Service” Anniversaries in November 2006 include:

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|---|--|
| · Verna Wolfe
PBX Operator/Hotel – 5 Years | · Dealer/Table Games – 1 Year |
| · Corinna Kline
Administrative Assistant to General Manger – 4 Years | · Crystal Wabsis
Direct Mail/Advertising Coordinator/Hotel – 1 Year |
| · DeAnn Graham
Revenue Auditor/Finance – 2 Years | · Robert Belcourt
Cage Cashier/Finance – 1 Year |
| · Jerry Chippewa
Retail Associate/Hotel – 2 Years | · Joshua Kitter
Cage Cashier/Finance – 1 Year |
| · Peter Pete
Bus Person/F&B – 1 Year | · Levi Stone
Dealer/Table Games – 1 Year |
| · Elethia Sam | · Crystal DeVerney –
EVS Cleaner/Facilities – 1 Year |

Educational Sponsored Internship Opportunities
at the Little River Casino Resort

We want to remind everyone about the Educational Sponsored Internship Program available at the Little River Casino Resort. This is an opportunity extended to anyone attending an accredited college or university needing to complete a required college/university sponsored internship. As a LRCR intern, you can expect to work on substantive projects, develop professional skills, and benefit from the personal attention of department leaders. There will be weekly meetings, training, and much more that will be mandatory for you to attend and participate in. For more information regarding Educational Internship opportunities, please contact Lisa Sagala, Recruiting Supervisor at 231-398-3858 or 888-568-2244.

AT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT WE’RE NOT JUST ABOUT GAMING:
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE WIDE-RANGING

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WORKING AT THE “CASINO” YOU MAY NOT FEEL THAT YOU WOULD BE A FIT FOR THE GAMING ENVIRONMENT. DON’T LET THAT KEEP YOU FROM CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT HERE BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT BESIDES THOSE THAT WORK DIRECTLY ON THE GAMING FLOOR.

FOOD & BEVERAGE is the largest department next to Gaming Operations. These positions may be “back or front of the house” and include servers, stewards, busers, bartenders, cocktail servers, porters, pantry cooks, cooks 1 & 2, lead cooks, sous chefs, supervisors, managers and director.

THE HOTEL is another large department with a wide variety of positions. As the hotel has expanded so has the need for friendly, customer oriented employees. Positions include front desk clerk, valet, housekeeping, room inspectors, coat check, group sales coordinator, RV park attendant, retail clerk, supervisors, executive housekeeper, engineer, manager and director.

OUR MARKETING DEPARTMENT has evolved over the years to include player’s club, player’s development, group sales, conference sales, direct marketing, special events and entertainment. There are several positions within these areas for individuals who have creativity, enthusiasm, customer service skills and a desire to be part of a great team.

WITHIN THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT there are 3 levels of officers, supervisors, a manager and director.

THE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT hires groundskeepers, engineers (various levels of required skill), housekeepers, wardrobe clerks, supervisors, managers and director.

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT hires individuals with strong analytical skills, attention to detail, and the ability to concentrate in pressure situations. These positions include accounting, count services, cashiers, revenue auditors, payroll clerks, inventory clerks, receiving clerks, supervisors, managers, and director.

IN THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT there are positions from entry-level up

to director. The main responsibilities involve administration, benefits, employee relations, recruiting, and training & development.

ALL DEPARTMENTS EMPLOY EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS AND THERE ARE ALSO COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL POSITIONS.

We’d be happy to provide you with further information and a job description for any position you may have an interest in. Preference applications are kept on file indefinitely but we do need you to update your address and contact information as necessary.

To obtain Job Descriptions
or to apply for positions
at the Little River Casino
Resort, please call:

888-568-2244

And ask to speak to a
Recruiting
Representative

Happy Birthday!

Happy 22nd Birthday Christian Kequam!
(October 13, 2006)

Happy Birthday Garry King
- Yvonne & Family

Happy Birthday Duane Renner
- Yvonne & Family

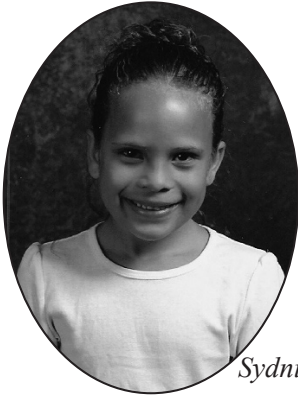
Happy Birthday to Jerry Ramsey (12/28)
- Julie, Erica, Half-king, and Buster

Happy birthday to my Mom, Katie
Glocheski
(will turn 80 on December 21st)
I wish you a Very Happy Birthday, I love
you with all my heart, and so does your
son-in-law.
- Millicent and Frank

Happy Birthday Great-Grandma Katie.
- Love, your Great-Grandchildren:
Frankie, Hunter, Trent & Sulley.

Happy Birthday Grandma Katie.
- Love you. Stacey, Christy, & Mark.

Happy 6th Birthday to our little Princess
Sydnie Lynn Thomas
- We love you! Daddy & Mommy, Sissy
& Israel, Ben, Travis & Buddy



Sydnie Lynn Thomas

Happy birthday to Mary Gumieny
(November, 28th) from your loving
husband, Joe

Happy birthday Joan Burkhart
- from Auntie Janette

Happy Birthday Jennifer woods
- from Auntie Janette

Happy Birthday Sandy Chandler
- Love Janette

Happy belated birthday Mary Gumieny
- From Little Sis, Love ya

Happy belated birthday Brother Tim
- from little Sis, I love you too!

Happy belated birthday Bonnie Belden
- Love Little Sis

Happy belated birthday Tianna Herr
(November 13)
- love Dad, Mima, uncle Rob and uncle
Steve !



Happy Belated Birthday Heather Lierney
-Jacob McCabe-Juanita and Mike Antoine,
“October Birthdays”
-Love Grandma Krank-Aunty& the rest
of the Antoine Relatives.

Happy Belated Birthday Terry Piwonski
- Love Mom & Dad”

Happy Anniversary

Happy 62nd anniversary Dad and Mom,
Sylvester and Maxine Battice.
May the celebration of your love
continue for ever.
- Thank you for showing us what true love
is; Diana, Bob and Family; Janet, Gary
and Family

Birth Announcement
It's a boy!

Congratulations to Amy and Marty
Holtgren on the birth of their third child,
Oliver.
We are delighted to hear that everyone is
happy and doing well!
- Your friends at LRBOI.








Thank you

Many, many thanks to the warrior
who helped me with my fallen muffler
at the community center on October
31st. Your kindness is greatly
appreciated!
- Melissa Zelenak

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to all L.R.B.O.I.!
We wish you all the happiest holiday
ever!
-Love Angie Eagle and kids

Merry Christmas to all !
- From the PI Department.

November 2006		Casino - Grove Calendar				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kathy Ford Band 9p-1a (Variety)	2 Kathy Ford Band 9p-1a (Variety)
3	4 Polka Monday Watkoski Family Poker Tournament	5 Poker Tournament	6 	7	8 Root Doctor 9p-1a (R&B/ Motown)	9 Root Doctor 9p-1a (R&B/ Motown)
10	11 Polka Monday Ken Hawkins Poker Tournament	12 Poker Tournament	13 	14	15 Thunderoad 9p-1a (Country)	16 Thunderoad 9p-1a (Country)
17	18 Polka Monday Virgil Baker/ Just 4 Fun Poker Tournament	19 Poker Tournament	20 	21	22	23
24 Christmas 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Poker Tournament	27 	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve 						

Tribal Women Win First Place in Fishing Tournament!

On July 21st, 2006 two tribal members' Penny Dixon and Helen Smith, along with Smith's two daughters' tribal descendants Trista Jacobs and Valarie Smith, and a family friend Olivia J. formed a five woman fishing team. This teamed entered into the biggest fishing tournament on Lake Michigan. The Gander Mountain Offshore Classic, held annually in Ludington Michigan.

It was Penny, Helen and Trista's second year entering the tournament, and Valerie and Oliva's first year of competition. These ladies entered the Bud Light Ladies Classic-pro division of the tournament.



Moreover, went on to capture 1st place! The Salmon and two steelhead with a total weight of 71.75 lbs. made up their winning catch. They received a trophy and plaques commemorating the win, plus \$1000.00 cash.

These ladies will be fishing together again next season and are hoping for Tribal Sponsorship now that they have proven themselves more than qualified fishermen. Penny is the daughter of Joe and Arlene (Battice) Dixon of Flint, Michigan. Helen is the daughter of Rosemary Smith of Pentwater, Michigan and Darrel Hern of Deland Florida. Congrats to my ladies on a job well done! Fish on!!

-Love Penny Dixon

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For up-to-date Job Postings, please visit our website at: **lrcr.com** and go to the employment section.

You may also call HR toll-free at 888-568-2244 or call the Job Hotline at: 800-806-4348.

The website and hotline are updated as positions become available.

Tulalips Mourn Loss of Last Native Speaker;

**MARYA MOSES, 95, WAS ONE OF THE LAST TIES
TO A TIME WHEN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE WAS WIDELY SPOKEN**

Published: Tuesday, October 3, 2006
By Krista J. Kapralos
Herald Writer

TULALIP - Marya Moses was still in primary school when federal officials took her from her home and moved her to the Tulalip Boarding School.

From then until she was 15, Moses was forced into an immersion course in English. Lushootseed, her native language, wasn't allowed.

"We all had late starts because of talking Indian," Moses said in an interview six years ago. "We were kind of shy." When she died last week at age 95, she took with her knowledge of a language she kept locked away in her heart for decades.

She was the last native Lushootseed speaker on the Tulalip Indian Reservation, said her son, Ray Moses. Linguists spent years tapping Marya Moses' understanding of Lushootseed in an effort to preserve the language.

In 1995, the Tulalip Tribes compiled a book of Lushootseed grammar from the knowledge of Marya Moses and native speakers from other tribes in the region. Many of those who spoke the language fluently have passed away.

"(Marya) was one of the last that really knew the Indian language totally," Tulalip Tribes Chairman Stan Jones said.



Marya Moses worked with Toby Langen and the tribes' Cultural Resources Department to develop the Lushootseed Language Department. Her death came less than two weeks after the death of Katherine Brown Joseph, the last native Lushootseed speaker in the Sauk Suiattle tribe in Darrington.

"As we lose people who had Lushootseed as their first language, our relationship to the language is certainly changing," said professor Tom Colonese, director of the American Indian studies program at the University of Washington.

"One of the things that defines culture is language, so that link between cul-

ture and language exists more strongly in people who have had the language as their first language," he said.

More than 500 people gathered at the Tulalip Tribes administration complex Monday for Marya Moses' funeral. They wept for the loss of one of the tribes' last links to an era when their language was widely spoken.

Marya Moses was born in a barn on the reservation in 1911, amid the tribes' poorest and most desperate years. She gave birth to 11 children and struggled to care for them.

Food rations came to the reservation by train from the East Coast, Ray Moses said.

"My mother would have to clean the cereal and flour and pick out the worms," he said.

Marya Moses sent Ray Moses and other sons to live in the woods near Darrington, where federal officials were less likely to police tribal hunting and fishing.

"There was no food on the reservation," Ray Moses said. "We could live off the land in the mountains."

In the 1960s, Marya Moses became the first woman to own and operate a commercial fishing boat out of Tulalip Bay. She employed her six daughters as her crew.

"She was competitive," Stan Jones said. "She was a really strong fisherman."

The boys raced to the bay after work at a local mill to help pull in the day's catch, Ray Moses said.

On Monday, tribal members and friends of the tribes remembered Marya Moses as a whip-smart woman who never shied away from blunt honesty. She was proud of being Indian, and she had a deep faith in God, said the Rev. Patrick Twahy, her priest of many years.

"She was like the most giant cedar," he said. "She had her roots deep in her culture. She had the interior strength of her faith. When a cedar like that goes down, it leaves enormous absence."

Marya Moses was buried at Priest Point, only a few miles from where she was born.

Reporter Krista J. Kapralos: 425-339-3422 or kkapralos@heraldnet.com.

Moon Bear Pottery & Indian Arts

Coldwater, MI

The following pieces were fired 3 times to get the deep grey background color from burning paper and pine needles:



'Green Leaves & Dragon Fly'

"Multi Color Seed Pot" - with beads, bells & horse hair on wooden branch stopper.



Shirley M. Brauker owns *Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts*

She can be reached at: moonbear@cbpu.com

You can also visit her web site: <http://www.cbpu.com/moonbear>

Halloween at LRBOI

Mindoo-Gisoons (Little Spirit Moon)
December 2006, Vol. 3 Issue 12



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